

NEWPORT BEACH HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES
City Council Chambers
August 10, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Commissioners McIntosh, Valdes, Rodheim, Duffield, Avery and Rhyne were present.
Commissioner West was absent.

Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner

Staff: Manager Chris Miller
Supervisor Shannon Levin

MINUTES

June minutes were approved. July minutes were approved with one typographic change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ACTION & APPEAL ITEMS

ITEM #1

Subject: Harbor Commission goals for 2011-12.

Abstract: The Harbor Commission will discuss and approve the various goals for the 2011-12 year.

Discussion: Chairman Rodheim presented lists of pending goals and new goals for the Commission to work on over the course of the 2011-12 year. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner requested that once the goals are identified that City Council approve those.

a. Mooring Boundaries & Administration

Commissioner Duffield will work on issues related to mooring administration, policy, and relocation of moorings. Staff will follow up with the Coast Guard on the status of the request for Newport Harbor Mooring Field Relocation.

b. Harbor Visioning

Commissioners Valdes and Avery volunteered to run the Commission's Visioning Subcommittee. The future use of Lower Castaways will be addressed in the Harbor Visioning subcommittee. The Tidelands Management Committee ("TMC") is interested in hearing an update on the Harbor Visioning.

c. Complete Cruising Guide

Commissioner West has been tasked with updating the Cruising Guide for the next boating season, Summer 2012.

d. Making the Harbor More Visitor Friendly

This topic was originally titled "Additional Public Piers" but Gardner suggested to broaden the scope to reflect the Commission's vision to see Newport Harbor as a better visitor serving harbor. Additional public piers and access should be components of that.

Commissioners Duffield and Rhyne will work together on the task.

e. Speed Limit Amendments

Commissioner West will continue working on this issue with staff. Staff will present the item at an upcoming City Council Study Session in September 2011.

f. Code Enforcement

Commissioners Avery and McIntosh will work together to address enforcement issues in the harbor. Topics for discussion are derelict vessels, speed, and generator noise and air pollution.

New goals for discussion included a long term dredging strategy, City Council communications, Marina Park, and the charter boat industry. Gardner suggested to the Commission that they participate in the TMC with feedback and suggestions on dredging since TMC is steering that issue. TMC will most likely be opportunistic in the approach to dredging because it may be more feasible to finance smaller, more frequent projects. Gardner asked the Commission to refrain from using staff on this item. Chairman Rodheim suggested that Commissioner West be included in the TMC discussions for the dredging strategy. The next TMC meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2011 at 4PM at the Oasis Senior Center.

Chairman Rodheim suggested that each commissioner delegate themselves to a Council member in order to maintain communication and keep Harbor Commission goals visible to the Council. Gardner explained that her role was to relay the Commission's goals to the Council yet they were welcome to initiate their own contacts. Commissioner Duffield suggested that it keeping up on small communications are good for Harbor Commission.

Rodheim→Mayor Henn

West→Mayor Pro Tem Gardner

Rhyne→Ed Selich

McIntosh→Steve Rosansky

Valdes→Leslie Daigle

Avery→Keith Curry

Duffield→Rush Hill

Commissioner Rhyne will keep the Commission up to date on the status of the permitting and development of Marina Park.

Rodheim stated that charter boats create a safety hazard during Thursday night races. In the future the charter industry should be held to higher esthetic and environmental standards. Commissioner Avery suggested that the charter boats should reflect the image of Newport Beach.

Gardner suggested that an outline and summary of each goal be prepared for Council review in order that staff time is spent wisely. The Harbor Commission Goals may be agendized on the Consent Calendar as early as September 2011.

Action: Staff will submit goal summary to Mayor Pro Tem Gardner.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner updated the Commission on the Coastal Bay Water Quality Committee's (CBWQ) stance on the Copper Reduction/Copper Bottom Paint Elimination in Newport Harbor. CBWQ will review the science behind the study before signing a letter written by OC CoastKeeper supporting the reduction and elimination.

Gardner presented the Commission with a brief overview of the Quarterly Business Report for April-June 2011. The report documents Harbor-related revenues and expenditures.

HARBOR RESOURCES UPDATE – Manager Miller gave a PowerPoint presentation on harbor updates. *The update is posted at <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1777>*

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chuck South addressed the Commission saying that the siltation in Newport Harbor will continue to increase and there is no dredging company in Newport Beach to do the work.

RECOMMENDED TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Lieutenant Tom Slayton for a Harbor Patrol update

Copper Bottom Paint status update

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 14, 2011, 6:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned around 7:45PM.